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In re application of : **Confirmation No. 1632**  
Norio KIMURA et al. : **Attorney Docket No. 2001-0660A**  
Serial No. 09/864,208 : **Group Art Unit 1763**  
Filed May 25, 2001 : **Examiner Jeffrie R. Lund**  
**SUBSTRATE POLISHING APPARATUS : MAIL STOP: AF**  
**AND SUBSTRATE POLISHING METHOD**

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37.CFR1.116**  
**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of May 3, 2006, the period for response to which having been extended by two months to October 3, 2006, kindly amend the above-referenced U.S. patent application as follows:

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